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Applicants:	Thomas H. Roessler et al.	Docket No.:	14,541
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**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/455,571 filed December 6, 1999, by Patrick S. McNichols for "METHOD OF MAKING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH PREFASTENED SIDE PANELS AND ABSORBENT ARTICLES MADE BY THE SAME."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/326,300 filed June 4, 1999, by Jody D. Suprise et al. for "DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING AN ADJUSTABLE, PRETENSIONED WAISTBAND FASTENING SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/466,490 filed December 17, 1999, by Laura L. Elsberg et al. for "PRE-FASTENED DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH PANEL."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/527,776 filed March 17, 2000, by Yung H. Huang et al. for "A PRE-FASTENED ADJUSTABLE MECHANICAL FASTENER GARMENT."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/706,294 filed November 3, 2000, by Jennifer E. Pozniak et al. for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/675,544 filed September 28, 2000, by Jennifer E. Pozniak et al. for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH RELEASABLE SEAMS AND A FOLDED FASTENING FEATURE."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/465,853 filed December 17, 1999, by Laura L. Elsberg et al. for "DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING A STRETCH PANEL AND AN INTEGRATED WAIST SIZE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/706,150 filed November 3, 2000, by Jennifer E. Pozniak et al. for "PANT-LIKE DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH A RELEASABLE LINE OF WEAKNESS AND A FASTENER."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

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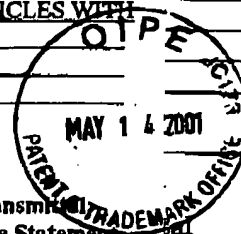
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